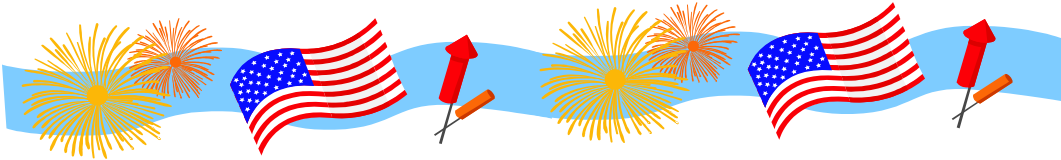


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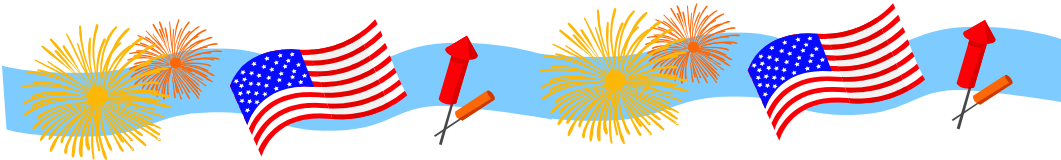
You're invited...

This year the Friends of the Keene Memorial Library will host an old fashioned "Lemonade on the Library Lawn" during John C. Fremont Days.

The annual event will take place on Saturday, July 14th at 2 p.m. Lemonade on the Lawn will kick-off with the traditional raising of the American flag. Entertainment by Richard Rader will follow. Many of you may be familiar with his joyful and spirited playing of the piano at his home on Main Street. He has

graciously agreed to come to the library and entertain us with his musical repertoire. If we are lucky, Jessie Benton (Mrs. John C. Fremont) may even stop by and join in for a tune or two.

Cookies and lemonade and lots of library friends will remain the staples of the activity. Please extend this invitation to your friends and family. We look forward to spending the afternoon with you.



Volunteers recognized at 2007 Annual Meeting

Volunteers for 2006-07 were recognized at the March Annual Meeting. We would love to add more names to this list for 2008. It is our sincere hope that we did not miss anyone, but if so, please let us know and we'll recognize you in the fall newsletter.

Doris Anthony
Kay Bevington
Judy Brant
Shelby Brettmann
Dorothy Campbell
Mary Lou Carlson
Joan Chesley
Gen Christensen
Ann Colvin
Laura Cooper
Julie Diers
Patty Dillon
Helen Drumright
Heather Ekeler
Mildred Emery
Georgia Feist
Richard Felt
Dwayne Glathar
Mary Glowacki
Norma Goesling

Mary Lou Gorden
Charles Gordon
Ben Harvey
Nancy Hass
Judy Heim
Sylvia Hermone
Jim Holtam
Bobbie Hughes
Duane Humphrey
Larry Jirsak
Janet Kletke
Nancy Knoell
Lana Larsen
Janet Larson
Rona Lincoln
Clarice Magnuson
Margaret Mary McGath
Kevin Meyer
Josephine Miller
Ann Mlnarik

Jenna Parkening
Faith Perry
Jennifer Peterson
Dick Pineda
Annette Rasmussen
Virginia Rasmussen
Katie Roberts
Lavonne Rohlfs
Twila Sass
Charlotte Scholl
Tim Schulz
Cindy Slykhuis
Rita Smith
Sierra Snodgrass
Martha Stall
Bailey Stewart
Mary Swanson
Dave Theophilus
Karol Theophilus
Jan Therien



Ann Stephens announces the volunteers while Larry Jirsak, Library Board Member, presents a certificate to Shelby Brettmann.

Sheryl Thomsen
Sarah Titus
Janet Walker
Vorda Westergard
Joe Wojtkiewicz
Laura Wray

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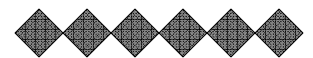
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Nancy Wagner

Ann Stephens,
Library Director



Library Board

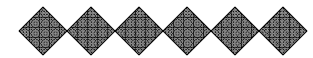
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Judy Heim

Larry Jirsak

Jenna Parkening



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Message from the President

Greetings Friends of the Library,

What did you think of the Annual Meeting? Wasn't local historian, Jeff Kappeler, captivating? I can only imagine how difficult it would be to pick out the items that would be necessities for not only surviving an ocean voyage, but for also overcoming the rough lands of an untamed America. Frankly, I traveled to San Francisco this spring and had a hard time keeping my suitcase under 50 pounds for a week of travel. Jeff's program really put life in the 21st century in perspective in comparison with the 18th century. If you missed Jeff's program, it's really too bad. It was a really terrific program.

We added a new element to this meeting as well. Recognizing how very vital our volunteers are to Keene Memorial Library, the Friends Board chose to use the Annual Meeting as a forum to thank those who give of their own time to advance the mission and purpose of the library. Like many of you, I

find that giving my time to the library makes me feel good. What they say is true—you get what you give. And, I feel that I get much, much more than I ever give. Whether it's labeling envelopes,



sorting books, setting up for an event or reading, please know that your assistance is valued and appreciated.

The Annual Meeting was also our opportunity to thank our outgoing board members while welcoming new ones. Ann Colvin, Laura Wray, Dave Theophilus and Jim Holtam all served the board for the past three years. Each brought special gifts that were vital to our success

and growth of our organization. They were tremendous assets, and I have no doubt that we will continue to see them volunteering of their time and talent for years to come.

It was also a great pleasure to introduce our new board members. Dale Lincoln, Nancy Wagner and Beryl Knudson will fill three year terms while Arlis Higley completes a one year term. Already, each has proven to be a valuable asset. I look forward to working with these four and am excited to see where their talents take the Friends of the Library in the coming years.

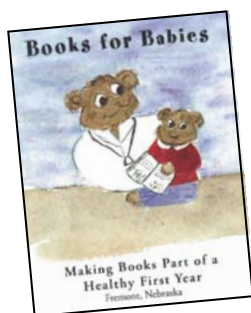
As you can see, our meeting is more than a "meeting". It's a time of fellowship, gratitude and learning. I hope you join us next year and see for yourself.

Cindy Slykhuis

President, Friends of the Library

Extra, extra! Read all about it!

This is what is being said about Books for Babies.



There are many ways that we can spread the word about the Books for Babies program. One of those is by sharing a wonderful new color booklet that was designed by Sheryl Thomsen,

program director. It has beautiful photography in it by Jennifer Peterson, a whimsical cover designed by Karol Theophilus and was printed by Max Design.

The booklet highlights all aspects of the Books for Babies program. In case you were curious about what Fremonters think about the program, read on...

"As a mother, grandmother and teacher, I am aware of the importance of reading to a child at a young age. Reading is a great time for a parent to have "quiet" time with a child. It also creates an interest in words and becomes a learning tool. Many books teach valuable lessons as well."

Nancy Knoell, Educator and Volunteer

"Books for Babies has provided hours of enjoyment and bonding between my son and me. He loves sitting on my lap, looking through the books and pointing out objects on each page. I like that the books are age appropriate and because they are board books, he is able to turn the pages himself without tearing them. Thank you for providing a wonderful service to our community."

Sarah Glenn, Parent



"Reading is fundamental to childhood development, and we are so fortunate to have a program in Fremont that promotes the enjoyment of books for children at an early age who receive their

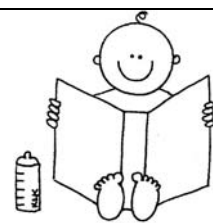
medical care in Fremont physicians' offices. I am delighted to participate in Books for Babies."

Terry Wooldridge, M.D.
Kid Care/Fremont Pediatric Adolescent & Young Adult Medicine

"As a librarian and former English teacher, I know how important it is for children to grow up with books, beginning early in life. The greatest incentives to get a child to enjoy reading are to 1) read to the child, 2) have books in the home, and 3) have other family members who read themselves. Books for Babies helps fill these needs. I enjoy volunteering in general because it is a way to stay in touch with others and use one's talents while giving back to the community."

Sylvia Hermone, Volunteer, Educator and Librarian

There are other quotes and interesting material featured in the booklet. If you get a chance, stop by the library for your own copy of this booklet or contact program director Sheryl Thomsen.



One Book, One Nebraska Celebrated in Fremont

As announced in the spring newsletter, *Crazy Horse, The Strange Man of the Oglalas* by Mari Sandoz was the book chosen as the third annual One Book One Nebraska. One Book One Nebraska is a program that encourages statewide book discussions and activities centered around one book selection a year.

The One Book One Nebraska activities held at Keene Memorial Library provided a real opportunity for the library to engage the community on a different level through focusing attention on one book and one author. The overarching goals and objectives of the planned activities were thoroughly acknowledged throughout the process and were met with success: promoting literacy; exploring a book that reveals Nebraska's rich history; understanding the writing process through focusing on one author's perspective; encouraging reading as a way to build community; and, increasing library attendance and support.

The activities were kicked off with a pre-meeting for the book discussion. This provided a basis in which to begin



page special printing that was included in an edition of the newspaper previously and generously prepared by the Fremont Tribune, one of the sponsors. The Readers Guide also provided discussion questions and was filled with insightful information about the book to assist readers. Reading kits were handed out which included the Readers Guide and other information about the book and author as well as a bookmark and information about the Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center which is the primary sponsor of the state-wide One Book One Nebraska.

The process of the book discussion was also presented to encourage readers to attend as well as provide information about the structure of the discussion to be held later in the month.

April 26th brought about a book discussion that was well received and attended. The group was divided into three groups led by guest discussion leaders including Brian Rockey, the vice-president of the Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center; Phyllis Stone, an elder of the Rosebud Lakota Nation; and Tom Boyle, Librarian at the Luther Library at Midland Lutheran College. The discussions were

poignant and of value to the discussion members. The discussion leaders provided a diversity of perspectives in reading the book and the issues raised through the discussions.

Keene Memorial Library was fortunate to receive a grant from the Nebraska Humanities Council to sponsor a presentation by Mr. Ron Hull of the University of Nebraska—Lincoln and of NETV fame. He described himself as a friend of Mari Sandoz and had interviewed

her several times while he was a broadcaster at NETV. The presentation was entitled, "Mari Sandoz: A Personal Reminiscence" and was very well received by the audience members. The presentation provided great insight into the

life and times of Mari Sandoz as a noted author and as a widely respected historian of the High Plains region. 100% of those who attended ranked the presentation of significant value and benefit.

Available to the public in May, a free

photographic exhibit was installed in the auditorium of the library called "Crazy Horse: A Photographic Biography." It was created by the Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center and revealed the life and times of Crazy Horse and the places where he and his people traveled and fought. The exhibit was taken from a book of photographs taken by Bill and Jan Moeller during their travels throughout the High Plains region. The exhibit was placed through the generosity of members of the Fremont Area Art Association.

The events were only possible through the generosity of supporters who included First State Bank and Trust, the Fremont Tribune, Hastings Entertainment and the Nebraska Humanities Council.

The One Book One Nebraska activities at Keene Memorial Library were successful and provided the library a great opportunity to increase public awareness of the library and to build community through the reading of one book. The events promoted literacy, the value and importance of reading, and the benefit of understanding our collective history and diversity as a community.

It's not too late to stop at Keene Memorial Library and check out a copy to read on your own or check out the book kit and read it with a book group. You can visit the www.onebookonenebraska.org website for discussion questions.



Ron Hull presents Mari Sandoz: A Personal Reminiscence



The book discussions were an enjoyable way to explore the depth of Crazy Horse.

preparing prospective readers of the book for the book discussion to be held later that month. The meeting provided an opportunity to disseminate information about the book, author and other events through a printed Readers Guide, a two-full-

Sponsored by:



? Get a clue...

Super sleuths and daring detectives are invited to join Keene Memorial Library's 2007 Summer Reading Program. This year's theme is Get a Clue @ Your Library.™ The Summer Reading Program is open to young people, preschool through young adult. Registered participants receive an official Summer Reading Program bag containing a pencil, sticker, bookmark, temporary tattoo, and "Reading for Prizes" form. Kids may register through the months of June and July. Keene is off to a great start: as of June 8, over 500 kids have registered for the Summer Reading Program.

Families are invited to join us for a series of special programs featuring guest performers and speakers. On Tuesday, June 5th, Jeff Quinn, the magician, kicked off this series of programs. Returning favorites Quinn, Wildlife Encounters, Dennis Ferraro and his snakes, Raptor Recovery, and Mrs. John C. Fremont have delighted Keene visitors for years with their educational and entertaining programs. To encourage further exploration of the special program topics, a special display is set up, featuring high-interest books, DVD's, and videos.

This summer, we're hosting some new talent, the Edgerton Explorit Center and the String Beans. The Edgerton Explorit Center will offer three different science demonstrations, covering the topics of static electricity, air pressure, and crime detection. The String Beans music group will put on a rocking performance featuring songs about dinosaurs, Nebraska, and chicken pot pie. String Beans CDs are available for check out from Keene.

Keene is also proud to feature our outstanding Summer Reading Program weekly classes, including

Creative Journaling with Katie, Movin' with Susan, Art with Mary, and What's Cookin' with Valerie. During the month of June, Mary is offering a new art class, "Young @ Art," for children ages 3 to 5. All classes feature a different hands-on project each week, taught by knowledgeable library staff. Flexible scheduling is offered for most classes so that kids may attend as many or as few classes that fit into their busy summer schedules. Keene is also offering its regular year-long programming, including Storytime, Tuesday crafts, Paws for Books, Book Bugs, Baby Play, and Toddler Play.

Boys Read at Keene (BRAK) is a summer series designed in response to statistics citing middle-school aged boys' drop in reading. BRAK will feature workshops and guest speakers in high-interest fields, including robotics, videogame design, skateboarding, motorcycles, go-karts, comic book writing, dinosaur history, and acting. Keene has acquired new books,

magazines, and DVD's pertaining to the topics. Guest speakers will booktalk the new materials during events and workshops to demonstrate that nonfiction material is pertinent to participants' interests. BRAK is open to boys and girls in grades 6, 7, and 8. Participants must register a week prior to each event. BRAK was made possible by a generous grant from the Nebraska Library Commission.

Children and families are encouraged to stop into Keene this summer—we guarantee that there's something exciting happening here everyday!

-Karen Choy, Youth Librarian



Book Sale once again exceeds expectations

We hit the jackpot this year—with more books, more tables, more volunteers, and a bigger net profit of \$13,400. We owe it all to the support of the Fremont community with their donations and involvement.

Our list begins with our sorters; Kay Bevington, Judy Brant, Laura Cooper, Helen Drumright, Nancy Hass, Clarice Magnuson, Margaret Mary McGath, Ann Mlnarik, Mary Swanson, Karol Theophilus, Jan Therien and Laura Wray. We work year-round. Ben Harvey allows us to store boxes at the Masonic Home, and provides both boys and girls to help at sale time. Joe Wojtkiewicz brought 30 Bergan students. Kevin Meyer, Tony Weinandt and Kelly Porupsky worked with the 90 F.H.S. students. We had a grand total of 235 volunteers: members, non-members and the Golden K Kiwanis group. Janet Kletke was in charge of signing up the

workers. Vince O'Connor is our price consultant. Members donated silent auction items. Dwaine Glathar, as treasurer, had a huge task. The library staff and the Friends' Board are always willing to help.

In addition, we welcomed a new Advisory Committee to the process this year. They are all involved, all supportive, and all helpful. Most worked extra hours before and during the sale. They offer valuable assistance and insight. The Advisory Board for the Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale consists of Laura Cooper, Judy Brant, Nancy Hass, Helen Drumright, Dave and Karol Theophilus.

The proceeds of this sale allow us to provide program costs, new books, CD's, tapes and other needs for the library with our proceeds. All of the money we take in is used for Keene Memorial Library. We support Books for Babies, the \$5,000

Enrichment Fund, reading groups, audio, video and computer purchases, and John C. Fremont Days events.

We are accepting donations for the Friends Annual Book Sale for April 3-6, 2008. We can use

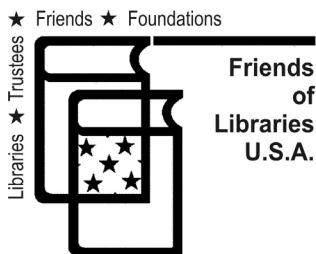
fiction, non-fiction, CD's, tapes, music, games, puzzles, children's books, home schooling and reference works.

Thank you, Friends, for your help. We appreciate you.

-Faith Perry, Book Sale Chairperson



Dwaine Glathar checks off members on the roster during Members Night of the Book Sale.



FOLUSA *fact* sheet

#13 CHECKLIST FOR ADVOCACY

Friends can make the difference between a budget increase and a budget cut for their libraries. As much money as you raise through book sales and other activities, a 1% increase in your library's budget can add up to tens of thousands of dollars or more depending on the size of your library's budget. Not only that, but many libraries across the country owe their new additions or new buildings to an effective advocacy campaign waged by the Friends to ensure community support. You can make a long lasting and significant difference for your library through advocacy. Here's how:

1. Work with library management and Trustees to define the goal you are working toward. It can be a change in local legislation, the passage of a library bond issue or referendum, a campaign to increase the library's operating budget, even a campaign to ward off a potential budget cut. One advocacy goal per year is a realistic target.
2. Determine when your goal must be accomplished and develop a timeline for implementation that will culminate at the point where it will have the best effect.
3. Develop a clear, specific strategy with limited, easily understood objectives for advocacy and ensure they are strategically placed on the timeline. Identify the number of volunteers and resources that will be needed for the accomplishment of each objective.
4. Objectives can include such activities as letter-to-the-editor campaigns, a post card campaign (to influence decision makers), development of flyers to place around the community, articles in the Friends' newsletter, direct mail campaigns, telephone trees. These are just a few ways to get the word out and influence your desired outcome.
5. Get as many volunteers on board with the campaign as possible - the wider the reach, the more likely you'll be to have a positive outcome. Be sure each volunteer understands his or her task and be sure they have the resources needed to accomplish it. Set a deadline and follow-up!
6. Find ways to communicate your story. Form a communications task force to work with the local media. Develop a one-page fact sheet as a hand-out. For a very large campaign with a lot at stake, you might want to hire a professional public relations firm to help highlight the campaign. If you can't afford to hire professional assistance, don't hesitate to ask for *pro bono* help.

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7. Ask library-friendly local politicians to be of assistance. They may be willing to endorse your campaign or help to influence other decision-makers. Don't forget potential candidates for office they may want to include pro-library issues in their campaign message. They should know that the Friends have broad reach and that they vote!
8. Evaluate the outcome. Were you successful? What worked, what didn't? What would you do differently? Begin thinking about future goals taking advantage of what you learned.
9. Establish permanent contacts with your local decision-makers. The personal touch is very important for the long-term support of your library.
10. For more information check out *Making Our Voices Heard: Citizens Speak Out for Libraries*, a CD-rom and workbook available from FOLUSA.

Join the Friends of Keene Memorial Library

Yes, I would like to join for 2007!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Please send my newsletter via: _____ E-mail _____ U.S. Mail

Friend ~ (\$10.00 per person per calendar year) \$ _____

Patron ~ (\$20.00 per person per calendar year) \$ _____

Additional Donation to the Friends \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please return this form with your dues to:

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Fremont, NE 68025**

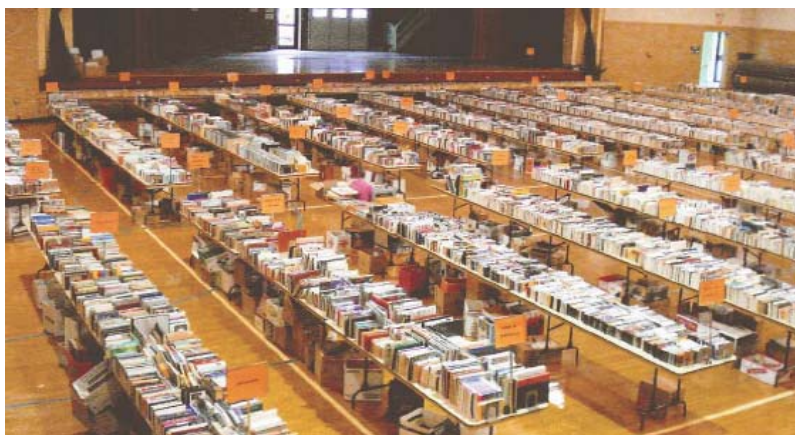
Advantages of membership:

- Members-only night for the annual book sale
- Four newsletters a year
- November event ~ entertainment and dessert
- Short annual meeting (wintertime) with entertainment and dessert
- "Lemonade on the Library Lawn" with Mrs. John C. Fremont

Suggestions for programs: _____

Projects I am willing to help with and/or my special talents: _____

☐ Please call me. I would like to help with Friends' projects.



Clockwise from top left: A birds eye view of the auditorium prior to the start of the book sale. Magician Jeff Quinn works some magic during the kick-off of the summer reading program. Twila Sass and Kay Bevington set out donuts for the Book Sale set-up volunteers.



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Are your membership dues due?

if there is a # behind your name on the mailing label, then you were paid through 2006. Your dues would once again be due. We'd hate to lose you as a member. Please join again!